



**Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc.  
Omaha, NE**

<b>Project Title</b>	Family Housing Advisory Services AFI Program
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<b>Grant Amount</b>	\$15,000
<b>Nonfederal Support</b>	\$15,000
<b>Project Period</b>	September 2004 – September 2009
<b>Highlights</b>	<p>Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc. (FHAS) will offer 11 IDAs at a \$2 to \$1 match rate. Program participants may use their IDA funds to invest in the downpayment and/or closing costs for a first house; post-secondary education; or a microbusiness.</p> <p>FHAS will also teach participants about the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This effort will include providing information on Advanced EITC and referrals to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites, as well as helping to identify other possible tax credits for participants. The program will assist participants in accessing past EITC refunds and repairing credit.</p>
<b>Target Population</b>	Low-wage employees of participating employers in the Omaha, Nebraska metro area. Marriott International, Inc. will manage a small pilot program.
<b>Grantee/Collaborative Description</b>	<p>The mission of FHAS is to assist people in securing and maintaining decent, safe, and affordable housing and to strengthen the community through education, counseling, dispute resolution, and advocacy.</p> <p>FHAS is the lead agency of a collaborative effort among nonprofits in the Omaha metro area that are committed to long-term solutions through asset-based development. Partners include Catholic Charities, Douglas County Housing Authority, Holy Name Housing, Lutheran Family Services, New Community Development Corporation, Omaha Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and United Way of the Midlands.</p>